

BACKGROUND

<https://www.preceden.com/timelines/752641-flint-water-crisis---esip-community-data-cluster>

<https://kumu.io/scdiggs/flint-water-crisis-landscape-pre-alpha>

Two “Goals” came out of the Flint meetings

1. Rather than fill-up their coffers with data, they need to know what data isn't being taken based on their day-to-day needs. (Data GAP analysis / Needs assessment)
2. In addition, they'll also need to keep with parallel efforts so that they can coordinate resources and responses. (Map their landscape)

AK Thomer Asked:

“...could we build on some of the landscape analysis/data gap analysis we've done in past meeting sessions?”

To be sure, the situation on the ground is still dire. Pipes are being replaced, but your average Flint citizen has no idea where the replacement is done, and sometimes it doesn't even matter. They have such a history of tap water problems (pre-2014 and COVID) that they just continue to go and get (or buy) bottled water ... for everything. Regaining trust in the viability/potability of their tap water is at odds with a local administration that doesn't want to spend any more money and can't wait for the situation to resolve itself. They've claimed "Mission Accomplished" many times and yet there are still citizens with occasional brown smelly water coming out of the tap without warning. Because of the low pH, lots of houses have now inherited the deteriorating pipe situation from the city water pipes.

Needless to say, I didn't know any of this before I went there.

